

Agenda

Williamstown City Council

07/19/16

7:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Type of meeting: Regular Meeting

Attendees: Mayor and City Council Members, City Attorney, and City Clerk

Agenda topics

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call Roll
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Pay Bills
6. Approve Storm Water Inspector
7. Appoint Martha McGovern to the Planning Commission
8. Discuss SBA Tower Proposal

Other Items Which May Be Discussed:

1. Administrative Issues
2. Community Swimming Pool
3. Park Committee
4. Planning Commission
5. Board of Zoning Appeals
6. Tree Committee
7. Water Dept.
8. Sanitary / Storm Water Board
9. Sidewalk Plan

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WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2016

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:30pm. Those in attendance were Councilpersons Marty Seuffer, Jim Stage, Barbara Lewis, and Ron Erb, City Attorney Blaine Myers, and City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Knopp. Mayor Jean Ford was absent.

Councilman Seuffer called the meeting to order and Chief of Police Shawn Graham led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, all voted yes.

On a motion by Erb and second by Lewis to approve the current bills for payment, all voted yes.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to table the vote on the Storm Water Inspector, all voted yes.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to appoint Martha McGovern to the Planning Commission, all voted yes.

Atty. Myers stated the City previously approved a lease buyout for one of the cell towers in the City for over \$200,000. The other tower is leased by SBA Tower and they would also like to buyout their lease. They previously offered \$100,000 and Council felt this wasn't enough considering the amount received for the other tower, but SBA has said the leases are like apples and oranges. The SBA tower lease is much less than the other lease. Myers stated that SBA has now made an offer of \$140,000 for a 50 year lease and he felt that was a fair amount. He said SBA is very anxious to come to an agreement with the City.

Councilman Seuffer said the money for the other tower was put in a fund set aside for the City water reservoir because it will eventually need replaced, and this additional money could be added to this fund.

Atty. Myers asked how Council would like him to proceed.

Councilman Seuffer said he felt this was a fair offer.

Councilman Seuffer said he felt the same way.

Councilwoman Lewis questioned whether SBA would pay \$160,000.

Atty. Myers said he could make a counter offer. He said he would respond and see what they will offer.

Councilman Seuffer said the paving project was under way in town.

Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission will meet on August 1st at 7:30pm with Developer Jeff Martin concerning four houses he wishes to build on Turning Leaf Lane.

Councilman Seuffer said the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 22nd at 7:30pm to discuss a variance request by Sutherlins LLC, #2 Station Square, for a non-conforming use in the Industrial Zone.

Councilwoman Lewis said the City has been trimming some trees on public property.

Councilwoman Lewis said the bid on the first sidewalk grant, which will include Park Ave, Front Street, and 5th Street, was short by \$113,076. We have been approved for \$100,000 additional grant funds. She said the bids for both sidewalk projects expire today. She said Council needs to give permission for Mayor Ford to sign the paperwork for the additional \$100,000 grant.

On a motion by Stage and second by Erb to give Mayor Ford permission to sign for the additional \$100,000 grant, all voted yes.

Councilwoman Lewis said the Council needs to approve taking the rest of the additional needed funds, \$13,076, out of contingencies.

On a motion by Stage and second by Erb to allocate \$13,076 from contingencies for the first sidewalk grant, all voted yes.

Councilwoman Lewis said Council needs to approve a 90 day bid extension from the low bidders on both projects, since the projects were bid together.

On a motion by Stage and second by Erb to approve 90 day bid extensions from both sidewalk project low bidders, all voted yes.

Bruce Holmes, 25 Coopers Lane, stated that the Wood County Board of Education will meet next Tuesday, July 26th, at 6:30pm and Williamstown residents need to go and show public support for a new elementary school in Williamstown. This will be the last meeting before the bond issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

John Ford, Mayor
Susan Knapp